

This matter comes before the Public Service Commission of South Carolina (the Commission) on the Staff's Request for an extension of time for all parties to file briefs and/or proposed orders in this case. Commission Regulation 103-875 states that, without special permission, all briefs must be filed within thirty (30) days of the hearing on a matter. In the present case, it is the opinion of the parties that transcripts of the hearing would be useful in preparing the briefs and/or proposed orders. However, the transcripts will not be prepared in time to give the parties ample opportunity to prepare a reasonable brief and/or proposed order, and still meet the 30 day deadline after the hearing. Accordingly, the Commission Staff seeks the special permission from the Commission referred to in the regulation for all parties to be allowed to file and serve briefs and/or proposed orders within 30 days of the availability of the transcript of the hearing.

According to the Staff, this period would allow the parties a reasonable opportunity to prepare a brief and/or a proposed order with the use of the transcript.

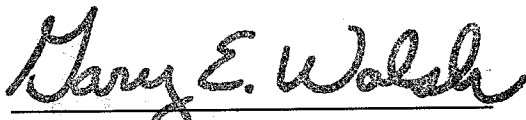
We grant the Staff Request and the special permission. We agree with the Staff that ample time should be available to the parties to prepare proper documents with the use of the hearing transcript. Therefore, briefs and/or proposed orders shall be due thirty (30) days after the Transcripts become available. Staff shall notify the parties of the availability of the transcript.

This Order shall remain in full force and effect until further Order of the Commission.

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:


Chairman

ATTEST:


Executive Director

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